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I, Erin M. Nichols, certify once more that I placed the Office Action Response and Amendment with attached replacement drawing sheet for Figure 1, by U.S. mail to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 7, 2003 (Exhibit B), on behalf of Patent Application Serial No. 09/586,518 filed on June 2, 2000.

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